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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Previously Presented) A transmission and reception system comprising a transmission device and, a receiving device, and a communication pathway between said transmission device and said receiving device, said transmission device comprising:
- (1) convolutional coding means for convolution-coding input data, and outputting convolution-coded data;
- (2) puncturing means for puncturing said convolution-coded data using puncturing patterns, and outputting punctured data; and
- (3) modulation / transmission means for modulating and transmitting said punctured data, and

said receiving device comprising:

- (1) reception / demodulation means for receiving and demodulating a signal transmitted by said transmission device, and outputting demodulated data;
- (2) depuncturing means for depuncturing said demodulated data using said puncturing patterns used by said puncturing means, and outputting depunctured data;
- (3) combining means for combining said depunctured data, and outputting a result of combining; and
- (4) convolutional decoding means for convolution-decoding said result of combining, and outputting a decoded data,